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## IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)

In re: Alan Roddis  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003. Prior to the examination of the above application and calculation of claim fees, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.